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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, BM

SUBJ: IBRD DELEGATIONS

REF : RANGOON 824

1. EA/ TB HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH IBRD ON STATUS OF BURMA LOANS BUT, BELIEVING EMBASSY AWARE OF VISITS, DID NOT REQUEST PRIOR NOTIFICATION. THIS WILL BE DONE IN FUTURE.

2. IBRD ADVISES THAT SPEARS' FORESTRY DELEGATION WAS, LIKE SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS, AN FAO QUALIFICATION MISSION, COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF FAO PERSONNEL. THE BANK WORKS THROUGH SUCH MISSIONS AND OCCASIONALLY HAS A MEMBER ON THE DELEGATION, BUT EVIDENTLY THE FAO JEALOUSLY GUARDS ITS PREROGATIVES. ANY REPORTS PROVIDED THE BANK ARE CONSIDERED INTERNAL WORKING PAPERS. BANK RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY REQUEST UNDP RESREP TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF FAO MISSIONS SINCE ARRANGEMENTS USUALLY MADE THAT CHANNEL.

3. TWO ALL- FAO TEAMS WERE IN RANGOON TOWARD END OF
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MARCH DISCUSSING IRRIGATION AND FORESTRY. A FISHERIES GROUP OF 2 OR 3 FAO PERSONNEL IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MID- MAY AND A BANK REP WILL JOIN THE DELEGATION LATER.

4. A NUMBER OF ALL- IBRD DELEGATIONS HAVE VISITED RANGOON IN THE PAST YEAR; SOME HAVE BEEN TO ESTABLISH WORKING ARRANGEMENTS, FINANCING, ETC. WHILE 2 HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY CONCERNED WITH TRANSPORT - ONE IN SEPT/ OCT AND ONE DURING JANUARY. ADDITIONAL DETAILS BEING SENT VIA MEMCON.

5. AS EMBASSY PROBABLY AWARE, SEVEN MEMBER GUB DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY FINANCE/ PLANNING MINISTER U CHIT MAUNG SCHEDULED ARRIVE WASHINGTON APRIL 14 FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH IBRD ON TWO 15 MILLION DOLLARS LOANS FOR RAILWAYS AND IWTC. WHILE TOTAL FUNDING FIGURE MAY BE MODIFIED SLIGHTLY DURING NEGOTIATIONS, IT IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN AROUND 30 MILLION DOLLARS -- DOUBLE THE INITIAL ESTIMATE IN TRANSPORT SECTOR. BANK INDICATES ONLY THESE LOANS LIKELY TO BE APPROVED FY 1973 ALTHOUGH OTHER PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR FY 1974. ROGERS

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